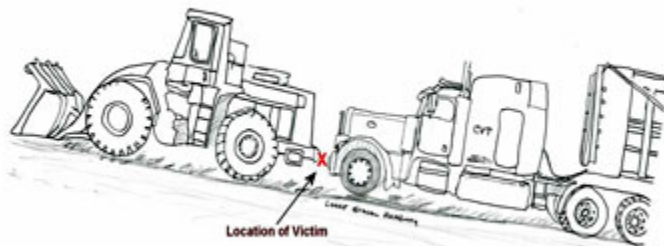




Fatality #24 - November 9, 2004
Powered Haulage - Bituminous - KY
J R Mining - Grays Fork

Coal Mine Fatality - On Tuesday, November 9, 2004, a 55-year-old company president, with 30 years of experience, was fatally injured when he was crushed between a front end loader and a tractor-trailer truck. The end loader was being moved into position to allow the victim to connect a steel cable from it to the truck. The end loader was going to be used to pull the tractor-trailer up the haul road, and was stopped a short distance from the truck. While the victim was connecting the cable to the truck, the end loader inadvertently rolled back and crushed him against the truck.



Best Practices

- Ensure that haulage equipment is compatible with all conditions and haulage road grades at the site.
- Ensure that vehicles have sufficient traction for surface conditions.
- Avoid pulling or pushing of vehicles as a routine practice.
- Ensure employees are properly instructed on proper towing procedures.
- Monitor work habits routinely and examine work areas to ensure that safe working procedures are being followed.
- Caution miners to avoid the hazards presented by pinch points.

This is the 24th fatality reported in calendar year 2004 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2003, there were 30 fatalities. This is the tenth fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2004.